

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
September 18, 2012 Meeting
1930 EST
KIMBALL LAKE CABINS

Approved 10/16/12

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order at 1945 EDT.

Present were: Derek Owen, Lee Wilder, Tim White, Ron Klemarczyk and Rob Knight.

Guests: Dijit Taylor of the Hopkinton Open Space Committee and Eric Buck, Landscape Architect with Pollock Land Planning, Bedford, NH

1. Eric Buck Landscape Architect with Pollock Land Planning, Bedford, NH representing Clyde Mitchell of 44 Lake Shore Road (Clement Pond) re teardown and erecting a new non-conforming seasonal 3 story cottage. New cottage will be further from the shoreline and have a bigger footprint. Plans and pictures were shown and discussed. Shoreline plans and size of new cottage fit State Shoreline Protection and Hopkinton Zoning regulations. New construction will also replace unknown septic system, redirect roof drainage and provide a pervious "landing ramp" for wheel chair. Hopkinton Planning Board wanted HCC to review proposal. Approval voted by those HCC members present.
2. Dijit Taylor presented further information on the possible conservation acquisition of ~70 acres in Warner and ~30 in Hopkinton. Owner is interested in selling all. Contoocook Water Precinct is interested in part of the parcel adjacent to their Treatment Plant. Land needs appraisal. Appraisal will include fee and conservation easement value for two parcels and fee value for the possible Water Precinct parcel. Scott Heath is a qualified appraiser with experience in the Mink Hills. He has quoted \$1000. for this Restricted Use Appraisal. Warner will pay half. Will the HCC pay the other half? Discussion followed. It was moved, seconded and approved that the HCC pay for half of this appraisal.
3. HCC minutes of 6/26/12 were approved as written.
4. Tabled: Further discussion of invasive species management on Town Conservation Lots.
5. SPNHF easement monitoring letter June 12, 2012. Lee reports that he received a letter from Joslin Bennett of the SPNHF, dated 09/04/12 re her site visit of 05/23/12 to the Murphy/Rose Conservation Easement Land. Activity reported by the HCC on its 2011 site visit was view by Ms. Bennett. (The SPNHF holds the Conservation Easement.) It is her opinion that the activities taking place on the property as of her visit fit under the "recreational" portion of the deed – part c. She further stated that her May 23rd 2012 site visit will count as the monitoring visit for 2012. Letter filed with the HCC site monitoring records.
6. Lee reported on the progress of the HCC Culvert Inventory. As of this meeting, Rob and Tim did Dolf Brook. Ron and Eric are doing Brown's Brook and Hardy Spring Brook # 1-4. Lee and Jed did Hardy Spring Brook #5-11, Boutwell Mill Brook #2 –3 and One Stack Brook # 4. Jed hopes to get all report forms and photo's organized soon.
7. Tabled: Derek has June, July, August and September 2012 HCC Budget copies for next HCC meeting review. Also a letter from Neil Cass (dated 08/01/12) re 2013 Town Budget prep. Letter filed.
8. Ron said the Open Space Committee has been discussing layout of "missing sections" in a trail system around Hopkinton Village.
9. Lee reports that he received the 100 - 5 5/8" diamond shaped plastic signs, with white lettering on red background that read: "Hopkinton Conservation Land / Hopkinton Conservation Commission", with the Town's logo. The markers will be erected on Town Conservation lot corners with (HCC) red blazes along property boundaries. We discussed the next step in the project – erecting the markers and upgrading the blazes. Lee will

- check if a Boy Scout would like to help. Lee will keep HCC members informed via E-mail.
10. In our continuing efforts to sponsor a Hopkinton Student "Conservation Camper" we discussed doing such for summer 2013. Tim made some contacts with a Maple Street School teacher and will forward contact info to LW.
 11. Ron wanted HCC to consider explaining upcoming project funding with the Selectmen.
 12. Ron will also discuss a possible Conservation Parcel at the junction of the Blackwater and Contoocook River with the selectmen.
 13. We received a letter from the UNH Cooperative Extension Service re a wildlife cost share project. We currently do not have anything going in that area. Letter filed.
 14. FYI: Letter from Jim O'Brien of DRED's Division of Forest and Lands re bid for clean-up/salvage of tree blow down from microburst of July 12, 2012 on the State's managed portion of the Hopkinton Flood Control Land, north and south of Thain Road at the Stumpfield Marsh.
 15. Derek circulated misc. mailings he has received.
 16. The HCC has been concerned with the beaver activity at Smith Pond Bog. Attempts (in May 2012) to contact the Audubon Society of NH have finally resulted in a visit (this evening) by Gary Brundrett, Audubon Site Coordinator for the sites in Hopkinton. He works for Phil Brown of Audubon. Gary and Lee will visit SPB Friday 0800 09/21/12 to see what needs to be done.
 17. Tim White has informed the HCC that he will be moving to western MA / southern VT. His wife has taken a position at Williams College. Tim has been an active member of the HCC and his presence will be greatly missed. We wish Tim and his family the best.
 18. With the moving of Tim White and a commission vacancy left by Lori Sommers, we discussed several possible replacements. Rob will see if they are interested.

Meeting adjourned at 2113 EDT. Next meeting is **Tuesday October 16, 2012 at 1930 EST @ HMS**. Rob is host. Thanks to Tim for homemade pumpkin pie and gingerbread!

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Wilder
HCC Secretary